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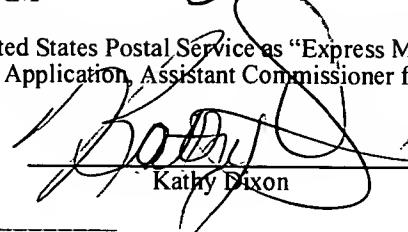
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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

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For: Hard Mask Trimming With Thin Hard Mask Layer And Top Protection Layer

Submitted herewith are:

9 sheets of formal drawings showing Figs 1-5G  
 An Assignment of the invention to Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co., Ltd., together with Assignment Recordal Sheet  
 A Declaration for patent application under CFR 1.63 and 1.68

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